

**REMARKS**

The Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Examiner's Action mailed September 17, 2004, in which Claims 1 and 2 were indicated as allowable over the prior art of record. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the comments set forth below.

By this Amendment, the specification is amended incorporating the Examiner's suggestions, Claim 1 is amended adopting the Examiner's suggestion, and Claim 3 is canceled. Accordingly, indicated allowable claims 1 and 2, drawn to an optical accident sensor, are pending in the instant application.

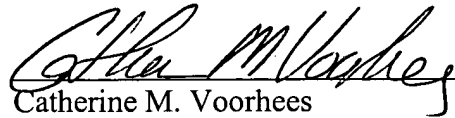
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the objection and rejections of record be withdrawn, and that a Notice of Allowance be issued indicating that claims 1 and 2 are allowable over the prior art of record.

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Should the Examiner believe that a conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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